| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15. | 08.09.2006 | Two bombs exploded at Malegaon | 31 | 295 |
| 16. | 11.07.2006 | Seven serial bombs exploded in local trains in Mumbai. | 187 | 829 |
| 17. | 14.04.2006 | At about 5.25 P.M. a bomb exploded within premises of Jama Masjid in Delhi immediately thereafter another bomb exploded in the vicinity. | 0 | 15 |
| 18. | 07.03.2006 | Two separate bomb blasts occurred at Sankat Mochan Mandir and Railway Station in Varanasi, UP. | 16 | 100 |
| 19. | 28.12.2005 | Attack at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. | 1 | 4 |
| 20. | 29.10.2005 | Serial bomb blasts at Delhi in Paharganj, Sarojini Nagar and DTC Bus at Govindpuri | 67 | 224 |
| 21. | 28.7.2005 | Bomb blast in Shramjeevi Express. | 14 | 62 |
| 22. | 5.7.2005 | Attack at Ayodhya | 2 | 4 |
| 23. | 22.5.2005 | Two blasts took place in two different cinema halls in Delhi. | 1 | 73 |

#No major incidents of terrorism in the hinterland was reported in 2004.

**Violence against citizens from Minority Communities**

524. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are incidents of violence against citizens from minority communities in many parts of country during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details including number of people affected, loss of property, cases registered, district-wise State-wise and category-wise, as on date;

(c) the details of steps taken by Central and State Governments to control above atrocities, category-wise, Government-wise and State-wise;

(d) the details of complaint submitted regarding delay by police to lend support to victims of above violence, State-wise and category-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to fix responsibility on the concerned officials, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) According to available information, during the current year (till September 2008), 695 incidents of communal violence had taken place in various parts of the country in which 116 persons were killed and 1,680 were injured. State-wise details in this regard are indicated in the Statement. Details of damage to property, etc., in such incidents are not centrally compiled and maintained.

The information given in statement (*see* below) includes the recent incidents of widespread violence targeted against the members of the Christian community in Orissa in the wake of the murder of one Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati and 4 others on 23.8.2008, and incidents of attacks against, and vandalism of, Christians and religious places during September, 2008 in Karnataka.

As per information made available by the Government of Orissa, 39 persons lost their lives and 134 persons were injured during the above-mentioned incidents, and 1,474 houses and 97 religious buildings, including churches were burnt/damaged. The Government of Orissa has reported that 789 criminal cases have been registered and 1158 persons arrested in respect of these incidents.

As regards Karnataka, according to information provided by the State Government, around 100 persons were injured during the recent incidents of communal violence, and 16 religious places, including churches/prayer halls were attacked/damaged. The Government of Karnataka has reported that 77 cases had been registered and 242 persons arrested in connection with these incidents.

(c) The Ministry of Home Affairs had remained in continuous and close touch with the State Governments of Orissa and Karnataka ever since incidents of communal violence were reported in these States. In addition, 7 advisories/communications were sent to the Government of Orissa between 25.8.2008 and 10.10.2008 at various levels, including the Home Secretary and the Union Home Minister; and 4 Advisories/communications were sent to the Government of Karnataka between 15 September and 15 October 2008. In these advisories/ communications, State Government of Orissa was asked/ directed to take stringent action against the persons indulging in communal violence, including identification and apprehension of the elements inciting and stoking communal violence/hatred; ensure arrangements to provide security to members of the minority community and their places of worship, etc.; undertake comprehensive measures for relief and rehabilitation of the victims and other affected persons, including measures for reconstruction/ repair of the residential and other structures that were burnt/ damaged during the violence; and take effective steps to create an environment in which people who had to leave their homes, could return at the earliest. Similarly, in the case of Karnataka, the State Government was asked/ directed to take immediate steps to stop violence targeted against the minority community and their places of worship, to provide protection against such attacks, to apprehend and take stringent action to bring to justice all those indulging in or inciting communal violence or hatred, and to ensure that an atmosphere of security is created in the affected areas. Besides these, advisories were also issued to all State Governments to maintain vigil and take all necessary precautionary and preventive measures in the wake of the incidents in Orissa and Karnataka and generally in the context of the religious activities of various communities during the festival season.

The Ministry of Home Affairs also provided on the requests made by the Government of Orissa, from time to time, 53 additional Coys. of the Central Para Military Forces to assist the State Government. Similarly, on the request of the Government of Karnataka, 4 Coys. of Central Para Military Forces were made available to the State Government.

The Government of Orissa has reported that Mr. Justice S.C. Mohapatra, a retired High Court Judge, has been appointed by the State Government to enquire into the matter of the killing of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati and subsequent violence within six months and submit a report.

(d) and (e) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India, the State Governments are primarily responsible for maintenance of law and order, including action on any complaints against the police and other officials.

***Statement***

*The number of communal incidents in the country and persons killed and injured therein during 2008 (upto September)*

| Name of State | 2008 (upto September)* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Incidents | Killed | Injured |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 6 | 1 | 17 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assam | 8 | 3 | 40 |
| Bihar | 19 | 5 | 80 |
| Chandigarh | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chhattisgarh | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Delhi | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Daman & Diu | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goa | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Gujarat | 61 | 4 | 194 |
| Haryana | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jharkhand | 26 | 7 | 94 |
| Karnataka | 76 | 3 | |
| Kerala | 12 | 5 | 26 |
| Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 99 | 19 | 231 |
| Maharashtra | 74 | 11 | 265 |
| Manipur | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Meghalaya | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mizoram | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Orissa | 159 | 41 | 76 |
| Pondicherry | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Punjab | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rajasthan | 26 | 4 | 88 |
| Sikkin | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tamil Nadu | 28 | 2 | 71 |
| Tripura | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Uttaranchal | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 78 | 11 | 314 |
| West Bengal | 9 | 0 | 63 |
| TOTAL | 695 | 116 | 1680 |

* Tentative figures

**ARC recommendations regarding terror and federal agency**

525. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Second Administrative Reforms Commission has recently favoured enactment of a comprehensive and effective legal framework to deal with all aspects of terror and a federal agency to investigate terrorists offences;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted to Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government proposes to enact tougher law than POTA to check the acts of terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) in its Eighth Report on Combating Terrorism has made certain recommendations, which, *inter-alia*, relate to the legal framework for dealing with various aspects of terrorism. Copy of the summary of recommendations made in the report is enclosed as statement (*see* below).

The recommendations of the ARC are under examination.